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Dear Willem,

Your good letter was written precisely one month after I had had the pleasure of a triple by-pass heart operation. That must be the most brutal bit of medical work done by man. Since that date I have had to take it easy and have not been able to keep up a very busy schedule. However things are improving, and I feel quite a bit better now.

I shall be most pleased to see the sun set this evening as it takes with it this year of 1990. I not only had that heart work; but last spring I had a major back operation. Nobody should ever attempt to do two such things in one year. Oh well, that's the way the ball bounces.

You appear to have heard from Peggy Robohm. She has got to be the finest researcher at Yale. She digs up everything from Skull and Bones to the fact that old Eli was with the East India Company in Bombay when he sent the money to help the college get started.

As a matter of fact, I did not realize that you were a student at Yale while I was teaching there in the Forties. Maybe I just forgot it; but I think I never knew it. I wrote for Bill Buckley when he was editor of the Daily News; but otherwise had a real low profile.

You mentioned that SA/TV showed the "Anderson JFK" film. I am sorry to say that I am not aware of such a production under that name. I did some work years ago for Nigel Turner on a Central BBC TV film. He did the same thing...unbeknownst to me...of running the Mafia into the act. It's too bad they can't work with the courage their convictions. At least his work was an improvement.

If you have a "lone nut" in hand, then you do not have to come up with a reason...no "cui bono." At least if you run in the Mafia, Castro or other you are on your way to admitting that there had to be a motive. That is a giant step ahead of the Warren Commission. The WC did not "cover-up" the Mafia, or anyone else like that. They had to go down and die for a "no reason" murder. As you suggest, if the Mafia had been involved the WC would have had no reason to protect them. The WC had to have a "no reason" murder, thus they had to create and stay with the "lone nut."

I do not agree with George about the Cuban community of Dallas or anywhere else, or with Garrison's Cuban community with the exception of the fact that I believe the people who did the work accomplished their task using some of the cover of the Cubans. It was useful to make use of the "Mongoose" infrastructure as a part of the cover story and it was made to tie in with Oswald. They were actors in the cover story and unwitting of the real "mechanics."

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I have never even thought of writing a book about the JFK assassination. If it had not been for Bud Fensterwald and his committee I doubt I would ever have thought much about it. He put me among that group of "Assassination buffs" and I got a kick out of listening to some of them. I rarely had any input until much later when I wrote that work for Gallery on the magazine's request. I still have no idea why Fensterwald put me on that committee. He was up to something.

I have been over much of the world but have never had the opportunity to extend my travels to the RSA. I have always heard it was nice. I used to know the head of the railroad system there and he invited me to come down there and ride the fabulous "Blue Train." I ought to have gone. I have done a lot of writing about railroads of Canada, the UK, France, Italy and Japan. I would like to have done the "Blue Train." I have done the "Railroad Engineering" section of the McGraw Hill Scientific Encyclopedia. I enjoy that sort of writing.

Yes, I have read Jim's book. I read it in manuscript. It is as good as you can get when oriented on New Orleans. I worked with Harry Livingstone and Bob Groden on their good book "High Treason." Despite the fact that they had to publish the book themselves, I noticed that it was up to #2 on the NY Times "Best Seller" lists a while ago. It is good.

I am working on contract with Oliver Stone on his planned JFK movie as Consultant/Technical Advisor. That scenario will be built around the Garrison work. Stone brought me into it to broaden the Washington DC angle.

In today's world even the JFK murder begins to appear to be a minor issue. This weird "Gulf Crisis", all over Saudi Arabia's gold finds and new oil discoveries; the banking situation and so many other things such as the collapse of the game of the Cold War are beyond belief. It is too bad that our media, meaning the world's media, has become worthless. This would be a great time to have some real newspapers.

Well...we turned the corner into 1991 last night. I look forward to this new year with interest. I trust it will be pleasant and eventful for you. I'll be pleased to hear from you anytime.

Sincerely,

L. Fletcher Prouty